

Hello Ridgewood Family!

Seventy seven percent of the people who took the eNews survey said they wanted Ridgewood's eNews to come on Sundays, so Sunday it is! Picture day went very smoothly on Thursday with the help of all the parents who volunteered their time during the day. Thank you so much for doing this.

School Safety

Last Friday we practiced our first fire drill and the kids did amazing! Everyone was out of the building within 4 minutes! This is exceptional for our first time doing a drill this year.

- **Emergency Drill** - We have 3 scheduled emergency drills a year. Our first drill is Friday, September 7. We will conduct the fire drill for the month of September followed by a lockdown drill. A lock down drill means that not only are the school doors locked, but all classroom doors are locked as well. During this time, teachers share stories with the students about choices they can make for safety including when is it best to run, barricade, or fight if we have an unwanted visitor in the school. It's sad we have to do this these days, but it's our reality.
- **Parents in the Halls** - I want to thank all parents who are abiding by our request to not walk the halls during the school day, especially in the morning. This has nothing to do with me or teachers pushing parents away. We LOVE seeing parents help. We do it for your child's safety. All teachers and scheduled visitors/volunteers wear badges identifying them in the halls. Students and staff should never experience seeing an adult in the hall unidentified. This is where safety steps in. If there's a person in the hall that is not on staff - this is alarming, even if you think everyone knows you - they don't. Again, it's sad that we have come to this situation in our society.

Volunteers/Visitors

We love having visitors in Ridgewood. I enjoy seeing parents supporting teachers and helping out in classrooms! If you are interested in doing this, contact your child's teacher and schedule time to come in and help. Once scheduled, you will need to sign in the office and wear a visitor's badge, and that's it! To be a registered volunteer to help with field trips or other activities with students, you'll need to get a volunteer badge. You can do this online through our [District website](#).

Update Contact Information

Please take time to check and update your contact information in Home Access Center (HAC). There are times when we need to call home or parents' work, and the phone numbers are wrong or disconnected. We appreciate you checking this to make sure everything is correct - including emergency contact information.

Curriculum Nights

- Kindergarten - September 13, 6:00 - 6:45 PM
- Grades 4 & 5 - September 13, 7:00 - 7:45 PM

- Grade 1 & 2 - September 20, 6:00 - 6:45
- Grade 3 - September 20, 7:00 - 7:45 PM (*This is a change from the newsletter!*)

Upcoming Events:

- September 1 Labor Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- September 11 PTO meeting - 7:00 in the Media Center
- September 13 Curriculum Night for grades K, 4, & 5
- September 20 Curriculum Night for grades 1, 2, & 3
- September 25 Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night - *Eat up!*
- October 5 Walk-A-Thon
- October 11 Pulp Juice Spirit Night

PTO News

Volunteers needed Sept. 13 and 20

We will be using the online Walk-a-Thon pledge website again this year. A table and laptops will be available at Curriculum Night where parents can register their children online. Volunteers are needed to sit at the table and assist the registration. Here is the link to the sign-up:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B49AAA62AA1FD0-walk

PTO Meeting - September 11, 7 P.M., Media Center.

****FREE**** childcare is provided. The Mobilicious food truck will be out front. Join us to meet other parents and teachers and to vote on our proposed budget. Learn more about the upcoming Walk-A-Thon.

Get Connected!

Look for us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ridgewoodelementarypto/>

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Homework Help

The Columbus Metropolitan Library's Homework Help Centers are now open, offering the students in your family free after school help. Find the hours at the [Hilliard Branch here](#).

Wildcat Way Community Day

Families with students of all ages are invited to a fun evening of games and food to celebrate the [Wildcat Community](#). It is a free event on Friday, September 7 from 5-7pm at Davidson High School.